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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 27, 2003

Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003
(Paper No. 7). In the Office Action, the Examiner identified eleven distinct species. The
Examiner required the Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single species for
prosecution. The eleven species identified by the Examiner are:

- Species I: embodiment of Figs. 3A, 3B, 20A, 20B;
- Species II: embodiment of Figs. 4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 21A, 21B, 22;
- Species III: embodiment of Fig. 7;
- Species IV: embodiment of Figs. 8A, 8B;
- Species V: embodiment of Figs. 10A, 10B, 10C, 19A-19C;
- Species VI: embodiment of Figs. 11A, 11B;
- Species VII: embodiment of Figs. 12A, 12B, 12C, 19A-19C;
- Species VIII: embodiment of Figs. 13A, 13B, 13C;

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Species IX: embodiment of Figs. 14A, 14B;

Species X: embodiment of Figs. 16A, 16B;

Species XI: embodiment of Figs. 18A, 18B.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicant elects Species I, embodiment of Figs. 3A, 3B, 20A, 20B claimed in claims 1, 2, 15, 16 and 17. It is understood that claims 3-14 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 1, 2, 15, 16 and 17 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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